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## WHITE HOUSE BROUHAHA OVER SHULTZ DEAL ON UN SPIES

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CIA Director William Casey, FRI Director William Webster, Attorney General Edwin Meese and other officials have lodged protests at the White House over the deal to allow two top Soviet spies to remain in their UN posts — part of the price of freeing Nicholas Daniloff.

Administration sources said the officials told the White House that the law enforcement and intelligence communities are "up in arms" over the deal.

The Post reported on Wednesday that Secretary of State George Shultz, as part of the Daniloff deal, was prepared to go along with a request from Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Schevardnadze to exclude Soviet **UN diplomats Valery** Savchenko and Vladislav Skvortsov from the list of 25 Soviets ordered out of the country.

The deal almost went through until Casey flew to the UN Plaza Hotel in New York on Sunday night to protest.

Shults and Schevardnadze quickly agreed to a two-week "grace period" and agreed to take the issue to the mini-sum-

mit in Iceland next weekend.

U.S. officials say they are concerned lest Reagan agree to expel two other Soviet UN employes in place of Savchenko and Skvortsov.

U.S. officials assigned to the UN said the two are mysterious figures.

In fact, no one —
from former UN
envoy Jeanne Kirkpatrick to the current
ambassador, Vernon
Walters — has ever
seen the two at a UN
committee meeting or
diplomatic affair.

Savchenko, 53, came to the U.S. in April 1983, is listed as a counselor to the Soviet mission, and lives with his wife Galina at the heavily guarded Soviet residence on E. 67th St.

Intelligence sources told The Post he is in fact a KGB colonel and and station chief in New York — one of the most important Soviet intelligence posts in the world.

Skvortsov, 51, came to the U.S. in Feb 1984 as a counselor.

Last November he was promoted to senior counselor and

given a more exclusive residence with his wife, Larissa, at the Soviet residence in Riverdale.

Skvortsov has been identified as the GRU military intelligence resident in New York, assigned to gathering scientific and military intelligence from New York industries.